

Bee City USA - Bethania

Report on 2023



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance in 2023?

1

How many projects benefit monarchs, milkweed, or nectar plantings?

1

How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

1000

Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2023 with pollinator benefit in mind.

- Flower garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Meadow
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement



Expansion of town Apiary

Education & Outreach

Please describe pollinator conservation events or outreach activities in your community in 2023, indicating whether your committee hosted them or not.

We hosted various organizations (Piedmont Land Conservancy, Audubon Society and other organizations) for on-site meetings and trail walks to encourage the importance of native habitat conservation. The town also held its annual Black Walnut Festival in September 2023 and had representatives of Audubon, PLC and other environmental groups

set up booths and give talks and walks of the trails and habitat of Bethania. Also had beekeeping demonstrations and talks to explain the importance of a natural healthy landscape. We continued to grow the town Apiary with the goal of having 4-8 beehives on NC state owned land that we have an MOU to maintain.

How many pollinator-related events or outreach activities did you host or help with in 2023 (in total)?

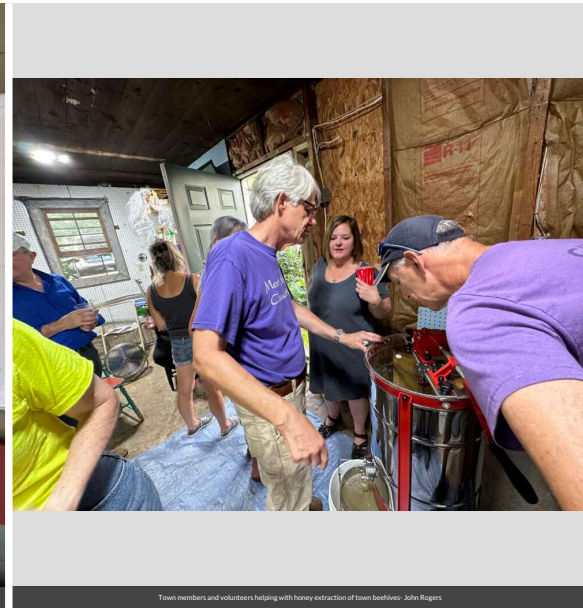
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How many people attended those events (in total)?

800

How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

4



Policies & Practices

Please describe actions taken to make pest management more pollinator-friendly.

Avoided use of pesticides in public sites containing designated pollinator habitat or other sensitive features (except when targeted use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed, insect or disease management) Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using "Buying Bee-Safe Plants" methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)

In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?

Not at this time.

Did your committee participate in any continuing education on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management planning?

Not this past year

Please check actions you have taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly.

- **Avoided use of pesticides in public sites containing designated pollinator habitat or other sensitive features (except when targeted use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed, insect or disease management)**
- **Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics on city or campus grounds**
- **Dropped pesticide use altogether on city or campus grounds**
- **Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)**

Are efforts underway in your community to further reduce pesticide use in residential or business areas? This may include neighborhood-led efforts, outreach to landscapers, etc. If so, please describe.

This is a project we are looking at in the future.

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

not at this point

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List: [Recommended Native Pollinator Plants.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Native Plant Supplier List.docx](#)